

What the 13th will receive under the new bill is, with one major exception, the same per capita land right that all other regional corporations received, no more and no less. The number of acres is arrived at by taking the total number of acres conveyed to the other Regional Corporations pursuant to Section 12(c) of ANSCA, 15,769,600 acres, and after subtracting Sealaska's shareholders, Sealaska received a separate entitlement, and the shareholders of the 13th, which received no land, dividing this 15,769,600 acres by 60,026, the number of original Native shareholders enrolled to the other 11 Native Regional Corporations. On a per capita basis, the shareholders of the other 11 Regional Corporations received approximately 262.7 acres per original shareholder. This per capita number multiplied by the 4,426 original shareholders of the 13th results in the 1,162,710 acres.

The bill gives absolute priority to land selections of other Native Corporations and the State of Alaska. Additionally, the bill prohibits the 13th from making selections within conservation system units, the Tongass and Chugach National Forests, the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska, and other potentially sensitive public lands.

All other interests, from the State to other Native corporations and the conservation community, were able to make their land selections or designate large areas for protection and special management. All of these groups won congressional approval, and were able to secure their preferences, when the land eligible for selection was prime and high on the list of priorities. The 13th comes behind all other priorities, including State and Native selections, national conservation lands, and others. The intent is that the land of the 13th will be selected in a cooperative process with other land owners and can be complementary to those selections, by other regions or villages, the State or other public purposes. I believe this is not only fair but good policy as Alaska moves forward. It is simply time to resolve this long-standing inequity, and to provide the 13th Native Region with the right to a limited land base just as all other Native regions. I urge my colleagues to join with me in achieving this goal this year.

HONORING THE 99TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAACP

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, for nearly a century, the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, has been fighting for the civil rights and dignity of people of color. As a result of their efforts, our great nation today can boast of a society more diverse, productive, prosperous and hopeful than any in history.

However, today's hope is a far cry from the violence, segregation and discrimination that inspired Mary White Ovington, William English Walling and Dr. Henry Moskowitz to meet in a little room of a New York apartment and commit the fledgling NAACP to the most important social movement in our national history. Today, the spirit of those brave and patriotic founders' lives on in leaders like Dr. Joan

Duval-Flynn, President of the Media, Pennsylvania NAACP Chapter. I rise today to congratulate Dr. Duval-Flynn for her vision, intelligence and dedication. She leads a chapter of the NAACP borne of a violent act in the early 1920's and committed to making Delaware County, Pennsylvania a 21st century community where people of all colors and creeds live together as neighbors, friends and first class citizens.

In my first year representing the 7th District of Pennsylvania, the NAACP's magazine, *The Crisis*, featured an article titled "Women Warriors, Female Combatants Sacrifice Lives for Country." That article gave me cause to consider all of the extraordinary women and men of color I had the privilege of serving with during more than thirty years in our Armed Forces.

For that privilege and honor, I owe—and our Nation owes—a personal debt of gratitude to Dr. Duval-Flynn, Mary White Ovington and countless other leaders and members of the NAACP. As W.E.B. Du Bois wrote in his first editorial page of *The Crisis*, in 1910, that voice of the NAACP "will stand for the right of men, irrespective of color or race, for the highest ideals of American democracy, and for the reasonable but earnest and persistent attempt to gain these rights and realize these ideals." Dr. Duval-Flynn has continued that tradition. I am proud to know and work with this remarkable leader, Dr. Joan Duval-Flynn, and with the NAACP who gave us leaders such as Dr. Joan Duval-Flynn.

Founded on February 12, 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. It has worked successfully with allies of all races who believe in, and stand for, the principles of civil rights on which the organization was founded.

The NAACP's legacy includes historic events as well as distinguished leaders, such as W.E.B. DuBois and other civil rights luminaries such Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers, and Thurgood Marshall, who served as special counsel for the NAACP when he argued the historic U.S. Supreme Court case of *Brown V. Board of Education*, a landmark victory for equality that outlawed segregation in schools.

Our obligation to African Americans and all Americans is to honor the accomplishments of the past by acting in a substantive manner to improve lives for tomorrow. Thank you, NAACP, and thank you, Dr. Joan Duval-Flynn.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL THOMAS
JAMES HERRERA

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cpl. Thomas Herrera, who enlisted in the United States Army on September 12, 2007. Cpl. Herrera's notable career spans 18 years, and his record of achievements during this period reflects greatly upon himself and upon the organizations with which he has served.

A native of Austin, Texas, Cpl. Herrera has followed a diverse career path of increasing responsibility culminating in his enlistment into the U.S. Army. Mr. Herrera is currently serving as Corporal at Fort Lee, Virginia. Previously,

Cpl. Herrera served in the Army National Guard in the States of Massachusetts and Nevada from 2006–2007, when he began active Federal service. From 1987–1990, he served in the U.S. Air Force.

From 1990–1991, Cpl. Herrera worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census as a Computer Operator. Following this, he took a position as Human Resource Assistant for the Governor of Texas from 1991–1996. Cpl. Herrera left government service in 1996 to begin a near ten-year journey in academia, earning commendable credentials that prepared him for his future military and government service.

In May 2001, Cpl. Herrera graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a BA in Government Politics. In May 2002, he graduated from the Southern Methodist University with a MLA in Liberal Arts/History. Finally, in December 2005, Cpl. Herrera concluded his academic journey with an MA in Criminology & Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Cpl. Herrera has also taken it upon himself to become fluent in Spanish, French, Italian, German, and Russian. Additionally, he has a working knowledge of Mandarin Chinese, Korean, and Japanese.

Cpl. Herrera is married to the former Kasi Ann Roberts of Jacksonville, North Carolina. They were married on March 10, 2006 and have one daughter, Emma Belen Herrera, born on February 2, 2006. Mrs. Herrera's parents reside in Sherman, Texas. Although Cpl. Herrera's parents are deceased, he has close family that reside in Austin and Dallas, Texas.

Throughout his life, Cpl. Herrera has overcome poverty and hardship in an effort to meet incredible personal goals and objectives.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Corporal Thomas James Herrera, for his commitment to academic and professional success. He is a remarkable public servant who has served our Nation and epitomized the dedication and professionalism that make our military a model all over the world.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE NASA
GLENN RESEARCH CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the NASA Glenn Research Center. The NASA Glenn Research Center will be receiving its one-hundredth R&D 100 Award from R&D Magazine. R&D 100 award winners are chosen by the editors of the magazine as well as an external panel of experts in recognition of their contributions in developing the top 100 most technologically significant products of the year.

NASA Glenn Research Center's one-hundredth R&D 100 Award signifies the excellence of the Glenn Center's staff and the Center's significant contributions to NASA's mission. The Glenn Research Center and its staff have been included in these awards for over 41 years. Consisting of almost three-thousand civil service employees, The Glenn team has consistently strived for technical excellence in order to expand the boundaries of space, science and aeronautics technology.